

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A dehumidifier air passage to be used in a dehumidifier, comprising a moisture transmittable member provided at a side to be in contact with a living thing and a nearly flat spacer for supporting said moisture transmittable member and for securing a space through which air flows, said dehumidifier carrying off the moisture transmitted into said space through said moisture transmittable member from the surface of said living thing by means of air flowing through said space, wherein

said spacer has a nearly flat base and a plurality of projections and is ~~obtained by cutting a foamed plastic material or by molding a foamed plastic material~~ comprises a cut or molded foamed plastic material, and said dehumidifier air passage has a force distributing means for distributing and applying a force applied from said living thing to said spacer, said force distributing means being provided between said moisture transmittable member and said spacer.

2. (Currently amended) A dehumidifier air passage to be used in a dehumidifier, comprising a moisture transmittable member provided at a side to be in contact with a living thing and a nearly flat spacer for supporting said

moisture transmittable member and for securing a space through which air flows, said dehumidifier carrying off the moisture transmitted into said space through said moisture transmittable member from the surface of said living thing by means of air flowing through said space, wherein

said spacer has a nearly flat base and a plurality of projections and is ~~obtained by forming a plurality of depressions in a plastic film by means of a molding method and then stuffing up each of said depressions with a pressure-resistive material~~ comprises a plastic film having a plurality of molded depressions and a pressure resistive material in said depressions.

3. (Currently amended) A dehumidifier air passage to be used in a dehumidifier, comprising a moisture transmittable member provided at a side to be in contact with a living thing and a nearly flat spacer for supporting said moisture transmittable member and for securing a space through which air flows, said dehumidifier carrying off the moisture transmitted into said space through said moisture transmittable member from the surface of said living thing by means of air flowing through said space, wherein

said spacer has a nearly flat base and a plurality of projections joined onto said base and is ~~obtained by joining said plurality of projections onto said base.~~

4. (Currently amended) A dehumidifier air passage to be used in a dehumidifier, comprising a moisture transmittable member provided at a side to be in contact with a living thing and a nearly flat spacer for supporting said

moisture transmittable member and for securing a space through which air flows, said dehumidifier carrying off the moisture transmitted into said space through said moisture transmittable member from the surface of said living thing by means of air flowing through said space, wherein

said spacer is ~~obtained by molding~~ a molded meshed member.

5. (Currently amended) A dehumidifying clothes air passage to be used in dehumidifying clothes, comprising a nearly flat spacer for securing a space through which air flows between a human body or underwear and a clothes material, said dehumidifying clothes carrying off the moisture which has come into said space from the surface of said human body by means of air flowing through said space, wherein

said spacer is ~~obtained by molding~~ a molded meshed member.

6. (Original) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 2, 3 or 4, comprising a force distributing means for distributing and applying a force applied from said living thing to said spacer, said force distributing means being provided between said moisture transmittable member and said spacer.

7. (Currently Amended) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 1 ~~or 6~~, wherein said force distributing means is formed into one body together with said moisture transmittable member.

8. (Original) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 2 or 3, wherein a meshed material is provided between said spacer and said moisture transmittable member, and said meshed material is joined to said plurality of projections so as not to slacken.

9. (Original) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 1, wherein said force distributing means is joined to said plurality of projections so as not to slacken.

10. (Original) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 2 or 3, wherein said moisture transmittable member is joined to said plurality of projections so as not to slacken.

11. (Original) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein each of said projections is formed so that the face of it facing said moisture transmittable member is at most 50 % in area of the face being in contact with said base.

12. (Currently amended) A dehumidifier air passage to be used in a dehumidifier, comprising a moisture transmittable mat provided at a side to be in contact with a living thing and a nearly flat spacer for supporting said moisture transmittable mat and for securing a space through which air flows, said dehumidifier carrying off the moisture transmitted into said space through

said moisture transmittable mat from the surface of said living thing by means of air flowing through said space, wherein

said spacer has a nearly flat base and a plurality of rail-shaped projections formed in parallel with one another on said base and is ~~obtained by an extrusion molding method~~ is extruded, and said dehumidifier air passage has ~~a force distributing means for distributing and applying a force applied from said living thing to said spacer, said force distributing means being provided~~ an element disposed between said spacer and said moisture transmittable mat to distribute and apply a force applied from said living thing to said spacer.

13. (Original) A dehumidifier air passage to be used in a dehumidifier, comprising a moisture transmittable mat provided at a side to be in contact with a living thing and a nearly flat spacer for supporting said moisture transmittable mat and for securing a space through which air flows, said dehumidifier carrying off the moisture transmitted into said space through said moisture transmittable mat from the surface of said living thing by means of air flowing through said space, wherein

said moisture transmittable mat has a thermal insulation ability and the air content of said moisture transmittable mat is at least 0.05 cc per area of 1 cm<sup>2</sup> in a plane nearly perpendicular to the direction of thickness of said spacer.

14. (Currently amended) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 13, comprising ~~a force distributing means for distributing and applying a force~~

~~applied from said living thing to said spacer, said force distributing means being~~  
~~provided~~ an element disposed between said spacer and said moisture  
transmittable mat to distribute and apply a force applied from said living thing  
to said spacer.

15. (Original) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 13 or 14,  
comprising a cushion material provided under said spacer.

16. (New) A dehumidifier air passage according to claim 6, wherein said  
force distributing means is formed into one body together with said moisture  
transmittable member.